

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 25, 2016
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, January 25, 2016 in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse Annex.

Present were: Chairman David K. Summers, Jr., who presided
Vice-Chairman James E. Haigler
Councilman John Nelson
Councilman Cecil Thornton
Councilwoman Pamela Claxton
Administrator Lee Prickett
Deputy Administrator Ted Felder
Clerk Vickie Stoudemire
Finance Director Denise Christmas
HR Director Brandy Roberson

The following press was notified of the meeting by mail, electronic mail, or by fax in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: The Calhoun Times and The Times and Democrat; an Agenda was also posted on Calhoun County's website www.calhouncounty.sc.gov.

Call to Order

Chairman Summers called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January 11, 2016 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Thornton and seconded by Councilman Haigler to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Standing Committees

Chairman Summers appointed Standing Committees for 2016 as shown on attachment.

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Committee Reports

None

Appointments

Appearances

1. Frederick Golden of UJIMA Group addressed Council as to his concerns about county citizens knowing what to do in cases of disaster, natural or otherwise, in the County. He presented three (3) areas of concern, as follows:

- a. Establishment of Evacuation Sites;
- b. Emergency Response Drills; and
- c. Streamline Notifications and Communications.

Emergency Services Director, Bill Minikiewicz, was in attendance and was asked by Chairman Summers if he could address Mr. Golden's concerns. Mr. Minikiewicz advised of the emergency plans which are now in place and added that he would be happy to meet with Mr. Golden and the UJIMA Group to get their input in these matters.

2. Assistant Administrator Ted Felder appeared next to give updates on the Lake Marion Regional Water Agency and the USDA NRCS Program.

3. Finance Director Denise Christmas gave a midyear Financial Report (copy attached).

4. EMS Director Bill Minikiewicz appeared to give a report on the recent fire at the EMS building on Mill Street. He stated that a fire started in the engine of the Medic 8 ambulance which was housed in the ambulance bay. The personnel on duty evacuated the building and called 911. Medic 8 is a complete loss and Medic 6 sustained minimal damage, mostly smoke and water damage. Serve Pro has been contacted and has already begun cleaning and examining the damage. EMS main operations are being conducted out of the Sandy Run office and the local operations are temporarily being housed in a citizen's vacant house in St. Matthews, but will be moving into the old Library on Raysor Drive. Mr. Minikiewicz stated that service and coverage have not suffered at all since the fire.

Resolutions and Proclamations

Resolution 1-2016 AN INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY AND PROJECT PURE was presented. Administrator Prickett advised that this agreement is between the County and

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Hickory Springs Bottling, Inc. The expansion will result in an investment of approximately \$16,350,000 and the creation of 37 new, full-time jobs. The company will be given a 6% assessment ratio and a fixed millage rate of 258 mills for a period of 20 years. There will also be a Special Source Revenue Credit of 30% for 10 years. Mr. Prickett also stated that the company will be purchasing a substantial amount of water from the County. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass Resolution 1-2016 as presented. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Deputy Administrator Felder gave a report on the I26 Industrial Park Spec Building, stating that the work is on schedule and should come in under budget.
2. Deputy Administrator Felder next gave a recreation report (copy attached).
3. HR Director Brandy Roberson reported that the Calhoun County Rural Fire Commission has offered the part-time job of Rural Fire Coordinator to Jeff Price, and that he has accepted. This part-time position will begin February 10, 2016 at a salary of \$22,500.00.
4. Deputy Administrator Felder gave an update on FEMA assistance in the County due to the flood in October. He advised that he is attending weekly meetings with FEMA personnel.

New Business

Administrator Prickett presented a Timber Contract with SanBar Forestry to sell timber on various locations owned by Calhoun County, specifically Tax Map Nos. 103-00-00-017 (50 acres); 131-00-00-026 (26 acres); 102-00-00-002 (65 acres); 118-16-07-001 (13.45 acres); 103-00-00-017 (50 acres); and 120-00-00-018 (205 acres). Councilman Haigler made a motion to approve of the Contract as presented. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances

1. Ordinance 2016-1 AN ORDINANCE (1) TO AMEND THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA ("CALHOUN COUNTY") AND LEXINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA DATED AS OF DECEMBER 11, 1995, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK TO ADD CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN CALHOUN COUNTY AND PRESENTLY OWNED AND/OR OPERATED BY HICKORY SPRINGS BOTTLING, INC. OR ONE OR MORE OF ITS AFFILIATES OR RELATED

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COMPANIES; AND (2) APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO was presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2016-1. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Ordinance 2016-2 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND HICKORY SPRINGS BOTTLING, INC. PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO, AND THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN CALHOUN COUNTY IN A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK was presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2016-2. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

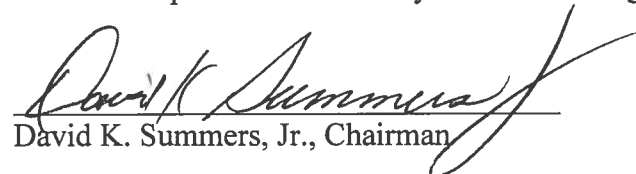
1. Administrator Prickett advised that good progress in being made on repairs to the Kenneth Rickenbaker Human Resources Building from the flood damage in October, and that DSS and DHEC should be back in the building shortly. Also, SC Department of Transportation (DOT) has requested permission to clean out the ditch behind the building. He added that the damage to the parking lot is not covered by the County's insurance, but hopefully FEMA can help with repairs to the parking lot.

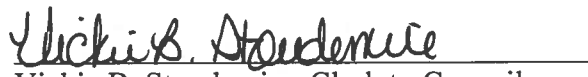
Executive Session

Councilman Nelson made a motion to convene Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter in the Delinquent Tax Office and a contract matter concerning the Fort Motte Water Tank.

Adjournment

Councilman Thornton made a motion to adjourn, with Councilman Haigler seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.


David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman


Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

2016

STANDING COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

David K. Summers, Jr. – Chairman
James E. Haigler

PUBLIC SERVICE AND COUNTY PLANNING

Cecil M. Thornton, Jr. – Chairman
David K. Summers, Jr.

JUDICIARY

John Nelson – Chairman
Pamela Claxton

EDUCATION, RECREATION, HEALTH AND WELFARE

James E. Haigler – Chairman
John Nelson

NATURAL RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

Pamela Claxton – Chairperson
Cecil M. Thornton, Jr.

2015-2016 2nd QUARTER BUDGET SUMMARY

(58.3% of the Fiscal Year has Lapsed)

GENERAL FUND

BUDGET: \$12,534,558 YTD REVENUE: \$7,700,380.18

61% of our budgeted revenue has been collected

YTD EXPEND.: \$6,875,155.73

55% of our budgeted expenditures expensed

ALL of our fees were down, which has resulted in a **net decrease** over our projected total budget for fees of \$187,117.11.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

BUDGET: \$4,068,180 YTD REVENUE: \$1,512,614

YTD EXPEND: \$1,013,911

WASTEWATER DEPT.

BUDGET: \$90,300 YTD REVENUE: \$26,066 YTD EXPENSES: \$39,984

*20% REVENUE COLLECTED AND 44% EXPENSED

WATER DEPARTMENT

BUDGET: \$940,000 YTD REVENUE: \$578,865 YTD EXPENSES: \$376,338

*58% REVENUE COLLECTED AND 40% EXPENSED AT MID-YEAR

CALHOUN COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

BUDGET: \$608,483

YTD REVENUE: \$310,452

YTD EXPENDITURES: \$127,197

*We have collected 87% of the fire fees budgeted (\$209,500 out of the \$240,000 budgeted; and 47% of the LOST revenue (\$100,952 of the \$217,000 budgeted).

FEMA

We have been using our contingency account in the General Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund to pay for all costs associated with the flood. To date, these costs are \$177,597.57.

We have estimated expenses to total a little over \$500,000 with the Human Resources Building being the bulk of this total.

Report to Council

January 11, 2016

Lake Marion Regional Water Authority Meeting

Councilman Thornton and I attended the last meeting of the LMRWA Board of Directors, and the meeting was focused largely on moving forward with how the member counties would be repaying Santee-Cooper for costs that had been incurred since the agency began. We also heard from legal counsel on issues related to Berkeley County's return to membership and what steps they would have to take moving forward.

USDA NRCS Program

As I mentioned to Council at the previous meeting, we had USDA visit us last week to look at some high-priority targets for mitigation investment through their NRCS program. Their initial report back to us indicates that both Soft Breezes and Preference Road have areas that would likely qualify for funding. Their estimates indicate that the costs would total \$300,000, of which we would have to provide a 25% match.

Industrial Park Speculative Building

As Council knows, MB Kahn Construction was the low-bidder for the construction phase of the Speculative Building. Our project managers at Thomas & Hutton indicate that we are in the final phases of the contract negotiations and that we will be under budget.

Fire Coordinator Position

The Rural Fire Commission has hired Jeff Price for the Fire Coordinator position

FEMA Reimbursement Update

We continue to hold weekly meetings both internally and with FEMA to finalize and submit all of the Project Worksheets we have as a result of the October flooding. We have two project worksheets already drafted and being reviewed which should be formally submitted soon. We believe that two others will be submitted as well. Our staffers who have been involved with this have really done a tremendous job patiently mining through the red tape to get this work done.

RECREATION REPORT



Date: January 25, 2016
Department: Recreation
Staff Contact: Tyrone Dantzler Sr, Director
Agenda Title: Recreation is Building Moment
Agenda Action: Updates

FACILITIES

- The community is really taking advantage of the availability of the rental facilities, especially John Ford and St. John Centers.
- The SC Parks & Recreation Department has grants for recreation trails and special events that the county will be able to apply for. The recreation trail grants could help develop walking trails at the Banks property and the TAG grant could help with a community event like the Purple Martin Festival.

ATHLETICS

- Adult volleyball will end in the next few weeks with a community volleyball game/trophy presentation/dinner. Come support this event!
- Winter Sports are underway! The youth basketball teams play games against Santee, Columbia, and Orangeburg. The home games are played at John Ford on Thursdays, 6:00pm. The next home game is Thursday, January 28th. They need your support! The adult basketball program plays on Wednesdays from 6pm – 8pm and Sundays from 3pm – 7pm.
- Spring Sports (Youth Soccer and Youth Golf) will begin registration Monday, February 1st. The programs will serve youth ages 12 years old and under. Please tell a friend!

SPECIAL EVENTS

- The highlights from the Recreation Advisory Committee quarterly meeting on Wednesday, January 20th included the following: 1) director's updates to RAC members, and 2) RAC districts' members update to director.

Analysis – On behalf of Tyrone Dantzler, facilities & Recreation Director, and its volunteers and partners, we would like to thank the council for all its support and participation towards the continuous success of the Recreation Department.